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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION CARTER MEETING.

1. THE NEW ZEALAND "HERALD" IN ITS SECOND EDITORIAL, AUGUST 10, UNDER THE HEADING "DOOR TO PEACE STILL AJAR," COMMENTED:
2. "IN ARRANGING ANOTHER MEETING BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT AND THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER, THE UNITED STATES HAS AGAIN MANAGED TO KEEP THE DOOR AJAR, IF NOT WIDELY OPEN, TO A FORMAL PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THAT IS, OF ITSELF, AN ACHIEVEMENT.
3. "ONLY FOUR DAYS AGO, THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE LATEST UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO REVIVE THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS HAD LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS. A FEW DAYS EARLIER, PRESIDENT SADAT DECLARED THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER DIRECT TALKS UNTIL ISRAEL DROPPED DEMANDS FOR A COMPROMISE ON THE KEY ISSUE OF OCCUPIED ARAB LAND.

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4. "IN THE LIGHT OF THESE OMENS, AND THE INCONCLUSIVE NATURE OF THE EXPLORATORY TALKS AT LEEDS CASTLE LAST MONTH, MR VANCE HAS PULLED A RABBIT FROM HIS HAT. HE HAS ORGANIZED A MEETING OF THE TWO MIDDLE EAST LEADERS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER ON SEPTEMBER 5.
5. "WHILE PRESIDENT SADAT CONTINUES TO BE CRITICISED BY

ARAB NEIGHBOURS FOR HIS PEACE INITIATIVE OF LAST NOVEMBER,
AND WHILE MR BEGIN SEEMS UNSURE WHICH ISRAELI OPINION HE
REPRESENTS, THE NEED FOR THE NEGOTIATING DOOR TO STAY OPEN
REMAINS VITAL - THE MORE SO BECAUSE THE MANDATE FOR THE
UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN SINAI COMES UP FOR
RENEWAL IN OCTOBER." ANDERSON

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